REMARKS

Claims 1 to 5 are pending and stand finally rejected. Claims 6 and 7 have been added. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1 to 5 were finally rejected as unpatentable in view of Chivaluri.

Claim 1 has been amended to essentially recite that higher-level logs are generated in response to receipt of at least two different status logs which satisfy predetermined rule sets.

As described in the disclosure of the present application at, for example, page 3, third paragraph, a higher-level log is a result of combinations of lowerlevel logs being received. As an example, if there is a predetermined rule set for lower-level logs A then B then C, when lower-level logs A then B then C are received, a higher-level log is generated and commands that are associated with that higher-level log are executed. According to the teachings of Chivaluri, the administrator receives only a notification of lower-level log A, then notification of lower-level log B, then notification of lower-level log C. Chivaluri completely fails to teach or suggest the creation of a higher-level log in response to receipt of at least two different status logs which satisfy predetermined rule sets and thus, Chivaluri cannot possibly teach or suggest the combination of generating a higher-level log in response to receipt of at least two different status logs which satisfies predetermined rule sets followed by parsing to determine the source and triggering execution of a commands and execution set in respect of the source.

Chivaluri teaches alarm filtering in which multiple copies of the same alarm are withheld and sent periodically to the administrator in a single message. Claim 1, as amended, recites that higher-level logs are generated in response to receipt of at least two <u>different</u> status logs which satisfy predetermined rule sets. There is no teaching or suggestion anywhere in the Chivaluri reference of higher-level logs being generated in response to receipt of at least two different status logs which satisfy predetermined rule sets.

The claimed system provides advantages over Chivaluri in that the combinations of logs that cause the creation of a higher-level log allow an administrator to determine what is happening over an entire network, rather than receiving only particular messages to specific devices such as a single managed computer.

It is therefore believed that claim 1 fully distinguishes over the cited reference.

Claim 4 has been amended to recite, inter alia, "providing rule sets that are satisfied by receipt of particular combinations of at least two different status logs and when satisfied, result in generation of higher-level logs". Claim 4 is believed to also fully distinguish over the cited references for the same reasons given above for claim 1.

Since the remainder of the claims include at least all of the limitations of one of claims 1 and 4, it is believed that these claims also fully distinguish over the cited reference.

For the foregoing reasons, the application including claims 1 to 7 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favourable action is respectfully urged.

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